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RESERVATION FOR SCS STS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers, constituted to examine the reservation for SCs/STs in the private sector has made any progress in this regard;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; (

(c) whether the proposal of reservation in private sector has been opposed by certain quarters;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to expedite the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Group of Ministers, (GOM) constituted to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, is having a dialogue with the apex associations of industry and trade.

(c) to (e): The associations of industry and trade are opposed to reservations in private sector; however in May 2005, 21 captains of industry have issued a statement welcoming the move of the Government to have a dialogue with the industry on affirmative action. They have committed to expand their activities for disadvantaged persons with regard to scholarships, company-run private schools, partnership with government schools, vocational training in-house as well as in partnership with ITIs, vender development programmes etc.